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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: INFORMATION PROCESSING :  
DEVICE, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
METHOD, AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.